

# TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE:

Friday, February 23, 2018

TIME:

10:00 a.m.

LOCATION:

MetroPlan Orlando

David L. Grovdahl Board Room

250 South Orange Avenue, Suite 200

Orlando, Florida 32801

## Chairman Hazem El-Assar, Presiding

#### **Members Present:**

Mr. Brett Blackadar, City of Altamonte Springs

Mr. Kelly Brock, City of Casselberry

Mr. Michael Cash, City of Sanford

Mr. Christopher Cairns, City of Orlando

Mr. Gus Castro, City of Orlando

Mr. Frank Consoli, Seminole County

Mr. Jeff Davis, City of Sanford

Mr. Joshua De Vries, Osceola County

Ms. Jamie DiLuzio Boerger, OCPS

Mr. Hazem El-Assar, Orange County

Mr. Kevin Felblinger, City of St. Cloud

Mr. Bryant Smith for Brian Fields, City of Winter Springs

Mr. Brad Friel, GOAA

Mr. Brian Kepner for Glen Hammer, Osceola County Public Schools

Mr. Harris Berns-Cadle, City of Maitland

Ms. Pam Richmond for Jim Hitt, City of Apopka

Mr. Will Hawthorne, Central Florida Expressway Authority

Mr. Charlie Wetzel for Jean Jreij, Seminole County

Mr. Butch Margraf, City of Winter Park

Mr. Fred Milch, ECFRPC

Ms. Mary Moskowitz, Osceola County

Mr. Nabil Muhaisen, City of Kissimmee

Mr. Renzo Nastasi, Orange County

Ms. Krystal Clem for Steve Noto, City of Lake Mary

Ms. Lee Pulham, Reedy Creek Improvement District

Mr. Michael Rigby, Seminole County Public Schools

Mr. Doug Robinson, LYNX

Mr. Ramon Senorans, Kissimmee Airport

Mr. Randy Shrader, City of Kissimmee

Mr. Ian Sikonia, City of Orlando

Mr. Shad Smith, City of Longwood

Mr. Brian Sanders for Matt Suedemeyer, Orange County

Mr. Bill Thomas, Orange County

Mr. Bill Wharton, Seminole County

Mr. Tom Radzai for Bobby Wyatt, City of Oviedo

Ms. Joedel Zaballero, Osceola County

#### Non-Voting Members Present:

## Members Absent:

Mr. Steve Krug, City of Ocoee

Mr. Jay Marder, Town of Oakland (Non-Voting)

Honorable Harvey Readey, City of Belle Isle

#### Others in Attendance:

Mr. Brian Stenger, FDOT

Ms. Carol Scott, FTE

Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando

Ms. Lisa Smith, MetroPlan Orlando

## I. Call to Order

Chairman Hazem El-Assar called the Technical Advisory Committee to order at 10:00 a.m.

## II. Confirmation of Quorum

Ms. Lisa Smith confirmed the presence of a quorum.

#### III. Agenda Review/Staff Follow-Up

Mr. Caskey introduced Mr. Jeff Davis, as the new TAC appointee from the City of Sanford. He announced that Mr. Butch Margraf is retiring from the City of Winter Park. He wished him well in his retirement.

#### IV. Public Comments on Action Items

None

## V. Common Presentations/Status Reports

#### A. Presentation on ETDM Planning Screen for Maitland Blvd. Widening Project

Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, gave a brief overview of this project. He explained that committee members would have an opportunity to provide any comments or input they would like to have considered in the review of the project. The Purpose and Need Statement for the Maitland Boulevard project was provided for information purposes. Mr. Caskey explained that the Efficient Transportation Decision Making (ETDM) process was developed by FDOT in the early 2000s in order for federal, state and local agencies to have an opportunity to evaluate the socioeconomic and environmental impacts of major capacity transportation projects prior to the projects going through the PD&E phase, and also to provide comments on the impacts for FDOT and the local MPO to consider in programming these projects. He explained that the Maitland Boulevard project was reviewed by the Environmental Technical Advisory Team which is made up of representatives from federal, state and local agencies. He said that the Maitland Boulevard project extends from Bear Lake Road to the Orange/Seminole County line; that it is included in 2040 LRTP Cost Feasible Plan; that it is ranked #36 on State Highway list in FY 2022/23 - 2039/40 PPL; and that currently no phases are funded. He provided an overview of the proposed project, and traffic and crash data. He explained that the project is needed as current and projected traffic volumes are over capacity. Mr. Caskey said that additionally, the project will help relieve projected traffic congestion on the Maitland Boulevard corridor; that it will provide a major roadway connection between SR 429 and I-4; and that it will complete sidewalks along the Maitland Boulevard roadway.

Mr. Brett Blackadar, City of Altamonte, stated that he has emailed his concerns to Mr. Caskey. He explained that one of his concerns is that once the I-4 Ultimate improvements are complete, that will leave a total of three signals in this section of Maitland Boulevard between the 429 to I-4A. Mr. Blackadar stated that a meeting was held in August 2017 with staff from MetroPlan Orlando, CFX, City of Maitland, City of Altamonte, Seminole and Orange counties to review a project in the CFX portion that would provide a direct connection to this section. He explained that due to some recent coordination efforts with FDOT on other projects, that particular project has been since put on hold. His recommendation was to look beyond the six-lanes and study an option that would incorporate grade separation improvements to complete the connection, i.e., an express lane or possibly a toll lane. He said that he feels that when the I-4 improvements are complete and fully open, there will be a greater demand on those three signals; and as this project moves forward in the process, he feels that it important to look at grade separation options.

## VI. Action Items

#### A. Approval of the January 26, 2018 TAC Meeting Minutes

Approval is requested of the January 26, 2018 TAC meeting minutes.

**MOTION:** Ms. Mary Moskowitz moved to approve the January 26, 2018, TAC meeting minutes. Ms. Joedel Zaballero seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### B. FDOT Amendment to FY 2017/18 - 2021/22 TIP

Mr. Keith Caskey, MetroPlan Orlando staff, requested that the TAC recommend that the FY 2017/18 - 2021/22 TIP be amended to include funding for the design phase for the Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment project in east Orlando. A letter from FDOT explaining the amendment request was provided along with a fact sheet prepared by MetroPlan Orlando staff, and the draft resolution to be presented at the February 14th Board meeting. Mr. Caskey noted that the amendment does not require any additional funding.

**MOTION:** Mr. Shad Smith moved to approve the proposed FDOT Amendment to the FY 2017/18-2021/22 TIP. Mr. Butch Margraf seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### C. Approval of FY 2018/19 - 2019/20 UPWP

Mr. Gary Huttmann, MetroPlan Orlando staff, requested that the TSMOAC recommend approval of the FY 2018/19 - 2019/20 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Mr. Huttman reminded TAC members that the UPWP was reviewed and received approval for the budget and schedule at the January committee meetings and February MPO Board meeting. He highlighted the differences in this UPWP document versus past versions. Mr. Huttman stated that the UPWP will be presented to the MetroPlan Orlando Board at the March 14th meeting, and then transmitted on to the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, and Department Of Transportation. The draft UPWP can be reviewed at: <a href="https://metroplanorlando.org/wp-content/uploads/DRAFT-FY2019-FY2020-UPWP-AS-OF-2018-02-15.pdf">https://metroplanorlando.org/wp-content/uploads/DRAFT-FY2019-FY2020-UPWP-AS-OF-2018-02-15.pdf</a>.

Mr. Renzo Nastasi, Orange County, questioned the urgency to move the document through the TAC at today's meeting. Mr. Huttman explained that the document has to be transmitted to FHWA the by March  $15^{th}$  and that this is the last opportunity for the TAC to make a recommendation prior to the document being presented to the MPO Board on March  $14^{th}$ .

**MOTION:** Mr. Bill Wharton moved to approve the FY 2018/19-2019/20 UPWP. Mr. Shad Smith seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## VII. TAC-Only Presentations

There were no TAC only presentations.

#### VIII. General Information

#### A. FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report

The latest FDOT Monthly Construction Status Report for the Orlando area was provided for information purposes.

#### B. MetroPlan Orlando Board Highlights

A copy of the February 14, 2018 Board Meeting Highlights was provided for information purposes.

## C. Legislative Report

A report on the latest legislative activities of interest to the MetroPlan Orlando region was provided for information purposes.

#### IX. Upcoming Meetings of Interest to TAC Members

#### A. Next MPO Board Meeting

The next MetroPlan Orlando Board meeting will be held on March 14, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. in the MetroPlan Orlando Board Room, 250 South Orange Avenue, Suite 200, Orlando, FL 32801.

#### B. Next TAC Meeting

The next TAC meeting will be held on April 27, 2018 at 10 a.m. in the MetroPlan Orlando Board Room, 250 South Orange Avenue, Suite 200, Orlando, FL 32801.

#### X. Other Business

None.

## XI. Public Comments (General)

None.

## XII. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Hazem El-Assar adjourned the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee at 10:20 a.m. The meeting was recorded and transcribed by Ms. Lisa Smith.

## Approved this 27th day of April 2018

Mr. Hazem El-Assar, Chairman

Ms. Cathy Goldfarb, Senior Board Services Coordinator

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